Special Committee to monitor sale of spurious drugs

*18. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set-up a Special Committee to monitor the sale of spurious drugs in the country;

(b) if so, to what extent this Committee will ensure that manufacturers are contacted directly to put an end to corrupt practices in the **purchase** of drugs; and

(c) by when the Committee is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA):(a) to (c) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare had appointed a Committee in July, 2001, under the Chairmanship of Director General of Health Services to suggest remedial measures to combat the menace of manufacture and sale of spurious drugs/fake medicines. The Chairman has since submitted the Committee's report to the Ministry suggesting remedial measures to combat the menace of manufacture and sale of spurious drugs/fake medicines.

Construction of mental hospital in Delhi

*19. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal for construction of mental hospital in the NCT of Delhi has been delayed inordinately causing loss of revenue to Government;

(b) whether agencies like MCD, Institute of Human Behaviour and Allied Sciences are mainly responsible for this delay;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to probe the whole issue of delay; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) The matter regarding the construction of a mental hospital in the NCT of Delhi has been pending for some time. The issue was delayed on account of procedures relating to the Expenditure Finance Committee, powers of the State Government as well as clearances to be received from various local agencies.

The Hon'ble High Court of Delhi has passed an order dated 23rd October, 2002 wherein the Cabinet Secretary, Government of India has been directed to make an enquiry in delay in the project and to fix responsibility for the delay.

Plan project for development off NER in 2002-2003

*20. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the plan to develop North Eastern Region in the current year of 2002-2003;

(b) the details of projects that have been planned and how much amount has been allocated for each project;

(c) whether any such project has already been started; and

(d) what is the share of each State of North Eastern Region in the current year?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) to (d) For the year 2002-03, details of funds sanctioned out of the Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) are at Statement-I (Seebelow). In addition, funds are provided by the North East Council (NEC) for the development of the North Eastern Region for securing a balanced development. The total Plan outlay under NEC for 2002-03 is Rs. 450 crore. The details of the on-going projects under the NEC are at Statement-I I (See below).

Funds which are disbursed under the NLCPR are based on viable proposals/projects received from the individual States. As regards NEC,